

## Golfhill Primary School



Golfhill Primary School's Eco-Committee wanted to take care of an area of their community that could be enjoyed by everyone. They chose their local burn and organised a community clean up day, with plans to carry out future work along with parents and local organisations.

In 2015/2016, our Wrigley Litter Less Campaign looked at the problem of marine litter in local waterways. Pupils at Golfhill Primary School chose a local burn for their project. The Eco-Committee members met to discuss opportunities for amenity improvements in school grounds and in their local community and chose a local burn called the North Burn as an area they would like to clean up. Teaching staff carried out a risk assessment and an initial site survey was undertaken with the class, identifying potential areas of improvement. Pupils returned at a later date with equipment to clean up the area. Parents were invited and the local councillor lent her support

The local newspaper had a double-page spread on work that the class had carried out. The children were pictured along with a local Councillor and the cleansing department were also involved. The article went on to mention the fact that a follow-up visit is planned by the Clyde River Foundation where activities will include electro-fishing.

Children also carried out OPEN (Open Air Lab) assessments on water purity and quality. Work was featured by on-site local press photographer and litter was uplifted by local council litter department. An unexpected result was that more adults family members have committed to future work and visits.